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SUBJ: ANTIGUA TO OPT FOR INDEPENDENCE

1. PREMIER GEORGE WALTER OF ANTIGUA SAID ON NOVEMBER 1 THAT ANTIGUA AND ITS CONSTITUENT ISLAND BARBUDA WOULD BECOME AN INDEPENDENT STATE AFTER THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS, ACCORDING TO A REUTER (CANA) REPORT FROM ST. JOHN'S. BRITAIN ACCEPTS THAT ANTIGUA IS READY FOR INDEPENDENCE AND WOULD NOT OBJECT TO RELINQUISHING SOVEREIGNTY, THE REPORT HAS WALTER SAYING.

2. COMMENT: WALTER HAD ALREADY AND ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION STATED THAT INDEPENDENCE WOULD COME SOON. THE EMBASSY IN ITS A-086 OF AUGUST5, 1975 PREDICTED AN INDEPENDENT ANTIGUA BEFORE 1977.

3. THE GOVT IS CONSTITUTIONALLY REQUIRED TO HOLD GENERAL ELECTIONS BY MAY OF THE COMING YEAR. OUR INDICATIONS ARE THAT FEBRUARY IS THE LIKELIEST MONTH.

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